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Tries To Take His Own Life

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Accused Pastor Is Father of Six; Son Survives Victim

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WASHINGTON, N. C. —A bishop's daughter-in-law is dead and the pastor of the historic church here named in the late prelate's honor faces possible death in the state prison gas chamber as her slayer.

On Monday, September 21, a jury will weigh the accusation that the Rev. Nelson Chrisp, father of six children, cold-bloodedly fired five bullets into the body of Mrs. Annie Beebe, widowed mother of a 10-year-old son, because she ceased to welcome his ardent attentions.

AMAZING CASE

The attention of the entire East and South will be centered on the quiet Carolina city during the trial September 21, and the courtroom will be packed with keenly interested spectators.

DETAILS IN STATEMENT

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Every detail of the killing of Mrs. Beebe is amazing. Chief of Police H. B. Walace on Wednesday showed a Journal and Guide representative an eight-page statement which he said had been made by the minister, giving details of his relations with the victim since his arrival here three years ago.

The revelations in this statement, and others expected to be made during the trial, will be sensational—or, at least, that is the general opinion prevailing here.

Following the shooting of Mrs. Beebe, according to information secured from authorities here, Rev. Mr. Chrisp rushed to his home and sought to take his own life by drinking poison and then slashing his throat with a razor.

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REMOVED FOR SAFETY

Police took him into custody at his home and placed him in a hospital under guard, but feeling ran so high against him that he was moved from the hospital to a jail in another county as a precautionary measure. He was later returned to Washington and now awaits trial in Superior Court.

The minister was pastor of Beebe Memorial C. M. E. Church, named for the late Bishop Beebe, father of the late W. T. Beebe, who was the husband of the slain woman. He died five years ago.

DIED INSTANTLY

The tragedy took place on August 13 at 12:15 p.m. Mrs. Beebe died instantly. She was shot through the heart, thigh, abdomen, and right shoulder. The fatal gunplay took place in the kitchen of her home.

As police have reconstructed the circumstances of the case, the minister came home from his week-day job at a lumber mill and found wait-for him a letter from Mrs. Chrisp. Its contents prompted him to go immediately to her home.

SOUGHT TO BREAK OFF

Police investigated disclosed that Mrs. Beebe, who was about 45 years of age, had developed new interests and sought to sever the relationship with the pastor. She made a visit to Norfolk, Va., the day preceding her death and spent the night before with a cousin Mrs. Eugenia Moore.

Beebe Memorial C. M. E. Church is the largest and best edifice in Washington, the building having been completed ten years ago. Mrs. Beebe was active in church and civic affairs and was a member of the church.

She was a native of this city and taught school in Chocowinity. She graduated from Elizabeth City (N. C.) State Teachers College and attended Shaw University in Raleigh, N. C.

JEALOUSY BLAMED

The C. M. E. district conference met here last week at Beebe Memorial Church and was largely attended.

The prosecution will assert that the minister took the life of his friends in a jealous rage. The fatal weapon was a 32-20 calibre pistol.

The slaying orpaned the ten-year-old son of Mrs. Beebe. Her funeral was held at her home, with the Rev. I. B. Turner officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. B. Brown and the Rev. W. J. Johnson.

The six children of the accused minister are all living.

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Pulls Shotgun With Toe To End Her Life

SEP 26 1942

Husband Is Slain In Argument Over Payment of Rent

SEP 26 1942

GREENVILLE, N. C. — Mrs. Lula Brown, wife of Louis Brown allegedly slain Sunday, September 13, by Abron Davis Sumerall in a rent argument, took her own life with a shotgun the day following the burial of her husband, according to Coroner A. A. Killwanger who pronounced the 16-year-old wife's death as suicide.

Mrs. Brown leaned the gun against a chair with the stock against the fireplace, and pulled the trigger with her toe. She was found dead in a chair.

THREATENED SUMERALL

Brown, her husband, was shot and killed by Somerall, officers say, following a period of ill will that had existed between the two over a delinquent rent bill.

At different times during the day of Brown's slaying he had threatened Sumerall, it is said, and the last time this was done Sumerall is alleged to have shot Brown near his (Sumerall's) home at Fleming's Cross Roads.

BROODED OVER KILLING

The wife brooded over the death of her husband, and told members of the family that she wanted to be buried beside him. The day after the funeral she joined him in death.

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Sumerall, claiming self-defense was released on $1,000 bond following preliminary hearing before Magistrate H. L. Jenkins.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

PASTOR TRIES SUICIDE; IS HOSPITALIZED

AUG 22 1942

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Events' Cause Unknown; Rev. Nelson Crisp Under Guard

WASHINGTON, N. C. — (ANP)—Residents of this little community were shocked Thursday when Rev. Nelson Crisp, pastor of the Beebe Memorial Methodist church, was arrested for killing Mrs. Anna Beebe, 45, a school teacher, and trying to commit suicide.

Mrs. Beebe was the widow of Dr. Beebe, noted Methodist leader, after whom the church was named. The minister is under police guard at a local hospital where he is expected to recover from slashes in his throat which officers said were self inflicted after the murder of the teacher.

The cause of the murder and attempted suicide is not known. Rev. Crisp because of his serious wounds, has not been able to discuss the tragedy. It is believed, however, that unrequited love may have been the motive.

AUG 22 1942

Mrs. Beebe was shot fatally at her home shortly before noon. Police said Reverend Crisp went to her residence and fired five times, two of the bullets entering the back of her left leg, one her back, one her shoulder and the other her hip.

Investigating officers found the teacher unconscious on the kitchen floor. She died before reaching a hospital.

Immediately after shooting Mrs. Beebe, the minister went to his home where he is believed to have slit his throat with a straight-edged razor and attempted to drink a poisonous disinfectant.

He was arrested shortly afterwards by Chief of Police H. W. Wallace, Assistant Chief Albert Jackson and Policeman John Edwards.

AUG 22 1942

Officers said that when Reverend Crisp recovers sufficiently, he will be held in the city jail without bond awaiting trial for murder.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Two Killings, One Suicide in Charlotte

OCT 3 - 1942

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Two slayings and a suicide were reported here this week among colored residents.

OCT 3 - 1942

Mrs. Hattie McFadden, 35, committed suicide by placing a gun in her mouth and pulling the trigger. A widow who lost her husband in the World War, here suicide note attributed the act to ill health.

First of the slayings was that allegedly committed by Early Whitmire, who after being shot by his wife, Mrs. Neilly Whitmire, purchased a new gun and emptied the cartridge chamber into her body, reportedly while another man held her.

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Freed for Funeral

Held without bail, he was released long enough to bury his wife from whom he had been estranged for some time. Mrs. Whitmire was a native of South Carolina.

The second slaying occurred on East First Street in Brooklyn where Elias Carey, Jr., was shot to death allegedly by Mrs. Theodore Davis, former restaurateur, at her home. Cause of the slaying had not been determined at press time.

Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

Blame Ill Health in Suicide

OCT 23 1942

J. C. Looney, 69, Was Pullman Porter 43 Years

OCT 23 1942

Relatives of James C. Looney, 69, who, according to coroner's reports took his own life Tuesday night, Oct. 13, at his home, 5414 Montgall, blame ill health as the cause of his tragic action.

Looney, who shot himself in the mouth with a shotgun belonging to his son-in-law, Richard Ross, had given away personal belongings about two hours prior to his death which occurred at 7:30 p. m.

His daughter, Mrs. Mary Ross, said that she did not feel disturbed when her father gave pocket change, a pencil set and other belongings away with the words: "I know I won't be here after 8:30 so I'm giving my things away now." OCT 23 1942

"He often made such remarks and we thought nothing of the matter," stated Mrs. Ross, who was in an adjoining room at the time of the tragedy.

"Father told Richard, my husband, that he hated to see him go to work because he would not be there when he got back. Richard turned him off lightly and said: 'Sure you will.' Richard then left for work," Mrs. Ross continued. "It was a little before 7:30 when I heard the shot."

Mrs. Ross said that she was in the dining room while her father was in the kitchen. The door was closed.

"When I heard the shot I ran to the kitchen and saw him lying on the floor with my husband's shotgun beside him," Mrs. Ross murmured. OCT 23 1942

Mrs. Ross said that her husband had unloaded the shotgun some weeks ago and hid the shells.

Coroner's reports state that Looney died instantly. The coroner, Dr. C. G. Leach, also has in his possession notes which Looney left explaining his action.

Mr. Looney, a native of Springfield, Mo., had ben a Pullman porter for 43 years. He retired a year ago and took up residence with his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ross. He had, according to his daughter, been in ill health a year and brooded continually about his condition.

Beside his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ross, Mr. Looney is survived by two sons in Chicago, Clyde and Carl Looney; a nephew, Walter Williams and the following other relatives: Mrs. Mary Motley and Mrs. Dorothy Burns.

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

Teddy Wilson's Wife Makes Fourth Attempt at Suicide

OCT 31 1942

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A picture of her bandleader-husband clenched in her hand, a rubber tubing in her mouth from which flowed the fumes of poisonous gas, Olga Wilson, 32-year-old wife of Teddy Wilson, tried to end her life late Tuesday night in a Harlem apartment.

The unsuccessful suicide attempt of the bandleader's wife, said to be her fourth in recent months, was discovered by Dr. Walter E. Merrick, of 1847 Seventh Avenue, and Ellis Williams, newspaperman, of 409 Edgecombe avenue.

Warned by Patient

Attending a patient in the first floor apartment at 359 West 123rd St., Dr. Merrick's attention to gas fumes was aroused by a comment from the patient. Running out of the house, the medico summoned Williams, who was waiting for him in his car. OCT 31 1942

The two men proceeded to the fourth floor, where they rushed to the door of a back room and convinced themselves that the fumes were emanating from there. Their knocks were ignored, so Williams crashed in the door. OCT 31 1942

"At first we didn't see anything," Dr. Merrick told the STAR-NEWS. "Then we discovered Mrs. Wilson behind a curtain in the poorly-furnished room. The rubber tubing was in her mouth and the gas was still entering her body. She was slumped on the floor unconscious."

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

Ends Life Rather Than Go To Army

OCT 28 1942 OCT 28 1942

By ROBERT RATCLIFFE

Funeral services will be held at Fayetteville, Georgia this week for a young Atlantan who ended his own life rather than serve in the United States Army.

Twenty two-year-old Henry Marton, of 461 Georgia Avenue, S. W., who was to have been inducted into the United States armed forces November 5, fired a bullet through his head after telling his mother he couldn't stand to leave her.

Questioned by Radio Patrolmen C. A. Potts and M. Y. Rutherford, the mother, Mrs. Essie Martin, of 157-B Georgia Avenue, SW, said her son had been worrying about having to enter the army."

THREATENED SUICIDE

OCT 28 1942

She was quoted by the officers as saying her son threatened to shoot himself because he "didn't want to leave me."

The victim's wife, Mrs. Blanche Martin, told the investigating officers that she and Henry attended a carnival last Saturday night. She said her husband had been drinking.

Henry Martin visited his mother after leaving the carnival and had another talk with her about his call to the Army. After the talk he walked out of the house, stating that he was going home and go to bed.

Martin didn't go home. He stopped on the front porch of his mother's house and shot himself in the head with a .32 calibre automatic, police officers reported.

Martin shot himself around 11:09 o'clock Saturday night. The slug passed through his head after entering the left side.

OCT 28 1942

DIED AT GRADY SUNDAY

The young Atlantan died Sunday morning at Grady hospital at 12:27 o'clock.

At an inquest held over the body Monday, a coroner's jury returned a verdict, which read:

"Henry Martin came to his death from a pistol wound of the head, self-inflicted with suicidal intent."

The body is resting in the funeral parlor of Dunn and Hines and the funeral is expected to be held Thursday at Fayetteville.

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Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

YOUTH KILLS SELF TO EVADE ARMY SERVICE

JAN 24 1942

No Future For Negro Soldier He Tells His Stepfather

GARY, Ind. — Willie L. Harris did not want to go into the army because, as he told his stepfather, James Fitzgerald, there was "no future" for Negro soldiers. And several hours before Harris was to put in his appearance at the draft board for induction into the army Thursday morning, the 24-year-old young man fired a shotgun blast into his chest and died later in Mercy hospital.

JAN 24 1942

Harris was to have reported to draft board headquarters, located in the armory, at 7 a.m. to join a contingent bound for Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis, Ind., and induction into service.

His torn body was discovered by his sisters, Dollna Maxwell and Odessa Lynch, when they investigated after he failed to answer their calls for breakfast. The sisters told authorities he had complained of being ill.

The stepfather told police Harris had told him he did not want to go into the army because there was no future for Negro soldiers.

At draft board headquarters it was learned that Harris had successfully passed army physical and mental examinations on December 8.

JAN 24 1942

Harris worked in the steel mills until last July. He is survived by Mrs. James Fitzgerald, his mother, and his sisters. The body was buried from Creswell funeral home Monday, January 19.

Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

Angered By Fuss Over 50c, Coatesville Girl Commits Suicide With Brother's Rifle

JAN 17 1942

JAN 17 1942

By ROSALIE LONG

COATESVILLE—Angered about an argument over fifty cents, Mildred Middleton, 18 year-old school girl of Rock Run, shot herself through the chest Saturday night. She died a few hours after her brother found her in Coatesville Hospital.

JAN 17 1942

According to the story told state motor police by her father, Thomas, she had engaged in a discussion with her sister, Josephine, 16, over the money. Violently angry she suddenly left the room where the two had been and went up into her brother Thomas' den where she seized a .22 calibre rifle.

Places Gun At Chest

She lifted a heavy marble top of a bureau to get at a locked drawer where the bullets were kept. Successful in her quest, she seemingly placed the gun against her chest and pulled the trigger.

JAN 17 1942

Hearing the girl moaning, her mother sent Thomas, 19, to see what was the trouble. He found her writhing in pain and agony on the floor and hastily summoned aid. The Washington Fire Company ambulance rushed her to the hospital.

Denies She Was Shot

Still conscious she protested, depite the flow of blood and her evident pain, that she was shot. Doctors discovered that the bullet had entered the breast bone, passed through the diaphram and liver and lodged in a muscle of her back.

JAN 17 1942

Members of her family stated that the girl was given to violent temper and frequently made the threat that they "would be sorry some day."

Miss Middleton was buried Wednesday from Christ Church.

Besides her parents she is survived by several brothers and sisters, including Thomas, Jr., Josephine, Shirley, Romaine, Charles, Harry Donald, Willard, Marvin, and David.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Suicide and 2 Slayings Recorded

JAN 17 1942

JAN 10 1942

PHILADELPHIA

Two slayings, one still unsolved, a suicide leap into the Delaware River by an unidentified man and the fatal crushing of a 27-year-old father in an automobile accident were among the eight deaths recorded in this area on Christmas Day.

Only possible identification clue on the powerfully built man who jumped to his death from the Reed Street Wharf while church bells tolled Christmas carols early in the morning was a black wallet with the initials "E. B."

Others Who Met Death

The other dead are:

James R. Fields, 26, of 8614 Erwig Avenue, a truck driver, shot to death outside an Elmwood taproom; James Sampson, 65, of 1528 Bainbridge Street, slain with a butcher knife by a man police believe slept with him and his girl friend the night before;

JAN 10 1942

Kenneth Peel, 27, of 723 Mt. Vernon Street, Camden, N.J., killed in a collision with an army truck; William C. Ashley, 50, of 1608 N. Twelfth Street; Ethel M. Meads, six weeks, of 154 Poplar Street; Thomas Smith, 43, of 1932 Naudain Street, and John Smiley, 66, of 728 N. June Street.

Fields was shot in the chest and his brother, Arthur, 25, was slashed on the arm and cheek, police charge, by William (Pot Roast) Ash, 23, of 8317 Guyer Street, during a fight on Eighty-fourth Street below Eastwick Avenue.

JAN 10 1942

Assailant Flees, Returns

The alleged assailant, who fled to Glassboro after the shooting but returned the next day and gave himself up, told police that the two injured men and another brother, Leonard, began the argument which led to the fight.

Detectives said he cut Arthur first and then shot the other brother with a gun passed to him by a friend when James charged him with a brick. James Fields died before he could be rushed to Mercy Hospital in a car.

A sickening odor emanating from Sampson's room finally resulted in the discovery of his dead body late Monday.

Found Slain in Bed

Breaking in the door, which was padlocked from the outside, police found the aged man lying across the bed in his second-floor apartment, fully clothed, a pillow on his head and a suitcase on the pillow. His throat had been slashed and there was a gaping wound in his head.

From the victim's girl friend, Miss Frances McNeil, Detective Robert Forgery of the homicide squad said he learned the woman, Sampson and another man had dinner together in the apartment Christmas Eve and had all slept in the same bad that night.

The next day, Miss McNeil told police, the two men became embroiled in a jealous argument and when they came to blows, she left the apartment, did not witness the climax of the fight. She said the man was a friend of Sampson's, but she did not know his name and had only seen him a few times.

Musician Dies in Crash

Peel, a musician and widely known in Jersey, was on his way to Jericho Christmas Eve to bring his father back to Camden for a holiday visit when an army truck crashed into his car at Broadway and Olive Street, South Westville, pinning him in the machine.

JAN 10 1942

Badly crushed, she was finally extricated from the wreckage and rushed to the Woodbury Hospital where he died the next day without regaining consciousness. The driver of the truck, Private William Staten, 22, said he was attempting to make a left turn when his vehicle plowed into the left side of Peel's car.

At the time of his death, Peel, a graduate of Bordentown School, was employed as an NYA instructor. Funeral services were held in Jericho Sunday. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elaine Wilson Peel, a four-year-old son, his parents and two brothers.

Leaps to Watery Death

The suicide victim, whose leap was witnessed by a watchman for a nearby sugar company, was described as 33 years old, 6 feet tall, and weighing 200 pounds. He was wearing a dark brown suit, brown striped shirt, a gold pocket watch and chain. There was a door key and a one-dollar bill in his wallet.

The crew of a patrol boat dragged his body from the river shortly after being notified, but he was dead on arrival at Pennsylvania Hospital.

Except that of Ashely, a WPA clerk, the other deaths were natural and needed no investigation, according to the coroner's office.

His brother, Herbert Ashley, of 1528 French Street, told Deputy Coroner Thomas P. Trent that the dead man had been drinking that day and his stomach suddenly began to swell. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Philadelphia General Hospital.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Despondent Young Man Ends Life

JAN 17 1942

JAN 17 1942

WASHINGTON

Believed despondent over the impending loss of his job at the Washington Navy Yard, George C. Wormerly, 28, of 547 Florida Avenue, Northwest, a scion of one of Washington's most prominent families, took his own life, Saturday while allegedly under the influence of intoxicants.

Wormerly's lifeless body was discovered by Theus Smith, a friend, in a room above the latter's poolroom at 1915 Third Street, Northwest.

According to police, Wormerly had been a frequenter of the establishment for a long time and occasionally, when in an inebriated condition, the proprietor permitted him to go upstairs to

"sleep it off." JAN 17 1942

Puts Bullet in Brain

The day prior to the tragedy, Wormerly is said to have entered the place and, apparently unnoticed by the proprietor, without comment repaired to the upper room. It was not until the next day that Smith made his tragic discovery.

The dead man was found seated on the side of a bed, slightly slumped over, and investigation revealed that he had put a bullet through his own brain. No one in the house heard the shot, according to reports.

The only clue to a possible motive to the man's act was a report that he was worried over the threat of losing his job. Neighbors of the family declined to discuss the tragedy.

The Plaindealer
Kansas City, Kan.

G. E. WATSON TAKES LIFE WITH RAZOR

JAN 16 1942

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FORT SCOTT, Kans.—Funeral services were held here Sunday afternoon for Prof .G. E. Watson, 735 Lowman Street, who comitted suicide last week by slashing his throat with a razor, according to reports of the office of the coroner. Prof. Watson had been in the Fort Scott school system for more than thirty years. He was an outstanding member of the Masonic grand lodge and active in state and civic affairs. Ill health was given as the probable cause of his action.

Representatives of the grand lodge attended the funeral from various parts of the state; among whom were Dr. J. G. N. Soanes, grand master; Chester Gaskin grand secretary; Nathan W. Thatcher of Kansas City, Kansas; P. G. Porter of Atchison, deputy grand master and Avis Martin of Pittsburg.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

Mother Of 2 Killed In Fall Or Lean Out Fourth Floor Window

MAR 21 1942

Mrs. Mamie Wilson, 39, of 35 St. Nicholas Terrace, jumped or accidentally fell from the fourth floor window of her apartment on Saturday, March 14, and was instantly killed, according to Dr. Marino of Knickerbocker Hospital, who pronounced her dead on arrival.

Detectives Mahon and Sandberg of the 30th Precinct were assigned to investigate the case, and according to them, the woman was alone in her apartment at the time, which causes them to lean to the suicide theory.

She is said to have been the mother of two children but was alleged to have been separated from her husband at the time of the tragedy.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

Commits Suicide By Hanging Over Stairs Of 7th Avenue Apt.

MAR 28 1942

Several weeks ago he registered for the first wartime selective service draft.

Two weeks ago he moved from 203 West 139th street without leaving his new address.

Today he is dead—a suicide by hanging. His body now lies in the city morgue awaiting relatives to claim it for burial.

The first inkling of the tragedy, caused apparently because he found the "going too tough," came at 6:30 Monday morning when Aaron Anthony, resident of apartment 4, at 2272 Seventh avenue, was leaving his home for work. He started down the stairs and then recoiled in horror, for dangling from the banister of the stairway leading from the top floor to the roof was the body of a man whom police believe to be Robert Bullock, 45, last known address, 203 West 139th street.

Anthony summoned Patrolman Washington of the 32nd Precinct who took the body down. It was suspended by a scarf which was tied around the man's neck and around the brace of the stairs. Dr. Fubler of Harlem Hospital pronounced the man dead.

Detectives Hanley and Neylon who were called to conduct an investigation reported that a search of the man's effects revealed a selective service card bearing the name of Robert Bullock, several pawn tickets and a suicide note.

At the 139th street address, detectives were told that Bullock had moved several weeks ago without leaving his new address.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

Brooklyn Girl Kills Self After Being Criticised And Ouster Threatened

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Threatened with expulsion because she is said to have failed one subject and "balled out" by a supervisor earlier in the day Miss Vivian Walker, 22-year-old second year student nurse at Lincoln Hospital, committed suicide Saturday afternoon by jumping out of the window of her fifth-floor room in the dormitory building at Concord avenue and 141st street, the Bronx. She was a native of B'klyn.

The girl's broken body was picked up immediately in the stone-covered courtyard and rushed to the hospital's accident ward but she was declared beyond aid by Dr. Singer.

Friends of the dead girl said that earlier in the day she had been severely and sharply criticized by Miss Dunlap, white supervisor and training school instructor, and reprimanded because she had allegedly failed in one subject. In addition to this she is also said to have been threatened with expulsion by Miss Lorraine Dennhart, superintendent of nurses.

All day, during her tour of duty, friends said Miss Walker was despondent and had had several crying spells every time she thought of being dismissed without fulfillment of her life-time dream of becoming a nurse. After finishing her tour of duty shortly after three o'clock. She went to her room and talked with several other trainees who tried to console her. They left around 3:45 p. m. A few minutes later, the girl's body hurtled through space to almost instant death below.

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The training school was in an uproar as several friends of the girl, who had witnessed the suicide leap, fainted; others got sick. While efforts were made to administer emergency aid to the girl, school officials are said to have given strict instructions that nurses and students were not to talk to anyone about the incident, but were to maintain a silence so that the public would not hear of the suicide.

Indignant nurses telephoned The New York Age immediately after they left the hospital grounds to give the first news of the suicide while at the same time police were conducting an investigation and finding that "she either lost her balance or suffered a fainting spell and toppled through the window."

One of the nurses whose name cannot be revealed, told The New York Age that "school officials were 'riding' Miss Walker and had been mean to her. If she had only failed in one subject in her two years of training she was certainly a good student and that was no cause for threatening to expell.

"Vivian Walker did not suffer a fainting spell or lose her balance. She deliberately killed herself because she was heartbroken over the possibility of being expelled and her heart was so set on becoming a graduate nurse."

APR 4 1942

Another nurse quoted the students as saying that "Miss Dunlap is mean and undiplomatic and should resign from her position for the good of the school." She, likewise, refused to allow her name to be used for fear that she would be disciplined by the hospital and forced out of her job.

Amsterdam Star-News
New York, N. Y.

Insane Hubby Murders Wife, Kills Himself

Her Parents Tell Of Tragedy in West 134th St. Home

MAY 23 1942

Eyes red with weeping, a forlorn and heartsick mother gathered the scant possessions of her slain daughter, victim of her estranged, insane husband. At midnight, Wednesday, Althea Franklin-Hunter, 25, was shot twice by her husband, Eddie, 35, of 203 W. 146th St., who then committed suicide. Hunter had come to his wife's apartment a few moments before the tragedy, attempting a reconciliation.

The slain woman was making a new home and hoped for a happier life in the new apartment at 128 W. 134th St., with her brother, Earl, 27, who was taking a bath when he heard three shots and found his sister and Hunter lying dead on the living room floor.

Never Completed

The tiny apartment was never to be completed. There was evidence of the work of busy, eager hands. A half-finished Spring coat, intended for Althea's mother, basting threads and pins outling the hem, was thrown across a chair. Bookcases, end tables, occasional pieces, smoothly-planed and sandpapered, all prepared for enameling, littered the room.

Ironically, a plethora of crime and mystery stories were scattered about the room. "Blind Love," "The Shadow of a Crime," "Murder at Midnight" . . . silent sagas, telling the story in titles of the events in that very room which had wiped out two lives, stood mutely on the unpainted book sheleves.

MAY 23 1942

Parents Reluctant

Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin, parents of the victim, of 1 W. 137th St., were reluctant to be interviewed by the Star-News. Finally, Mrs. Franklin relented and told of her son-in-law's "unreasonable and insane jealousy . . . his distaste for company." Bitterly, she recalled the incident which finally caused for daughter to leave her husband.

"At Christmas, he insulted my daughter's friends, telling them to get out, he wanted to sleep. She had arranged a little party and invited some friends to their home and was so humiliated she could not face them again.

"He continually harrassed my daughter, telling her she loved me (her mother) more than she loved him, so finally father helped Althea and her brother take this little apartment, thinking she would have a chance to be happy here."

The slain woman is survived by her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin, and brother, Earl.

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Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

6th Homicide Is Reported

JAN 28 1942

The sixth colored homicide of the year was reported Tuesday.

The victim was listed by policemen as Hope Tigner, 45, of 117 Pittman Place, SE. and was reported shot once in the left side of the chest in the basement of the same address.

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Tigner was pronounced dead on arrival at Grady hospital.

A search was underway late Tuesday for a WPA worker, Jackson Williams, about 65.

Tigner was slain around 3:35 p. m. Tuesday following an argument with another man, the investigating officers revealed.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

MARRIED MAN A SUICIDE OVER GIRL LOVE, 18

MAR 7 1942

Leaps In Icy River After Auto Ride Terminates In Jealous Quarrel

CLEVELAND, Ohio—Marvin Harrison, 24, married, and father of a four-year-old child, leaped into the icy Cuyahoga river and was drowned early Thursday as the dramatic climax of a lover's quarrel with an 18-year-old single girl.

Harrison's wife, Lucy, 22, was prostrate with grief over the tragedy. She had no knowledge of the secret love affair which resulted in her husband's death.

Harrison and his young sweetheart were in the company of another friend, James Adams, also married, and Adam's young lady friend. The foursome are reported to have taken a ride in Adam's car, out on Canal road along Cuyahoga river valley. Harrison and his sweetheart were quarrelling over "another woman" when he got out of the car and ran to the river edge, threatening to jump, according to reports to police.

The girl is reported to have run after him, and he told her: "Stay away from me—don't come any closer."

MAR 7 - 1942

When the girl came on, he is said to have jumped into the river. Harrison's friends, excited, notified the police at once and coastguardsmen were soon on the scene dragging for Hanson's body which they found two hours later.

Harrison had been employed by the Swift Packing company. According to police reports, Harrison had not been living with his wife for several months. He made his home with his mother, brothers and sister. "A woman's a two-faced worried thing," his wife said, and asserted that she has no women friends "because they are deceitful." "I trust no woman," she concluded and admonished all married men, "Don't let any man get too close to you."

MAR 7 1942

Funeral services were held at Forbes Funeral Home Saturday.

Amsterdam News
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Atlanta, Georgia

Takes Own Life After Slaying Two Children

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Wife-Mother Absent At Time of Tragedy

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SMITHFIELD, N, C.—(ANP)—A triple killing took place at the home of a farm hand on the Robert Higgins farm, three miles west of here Tuesday afternoon when 25-year-old Emanuel Saunders killed his two infant children and then turned the shotgun upon himself. All apparently died instantly.

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According to Sheriff Kirby L. Rose, who investigated the tragedy, indications were that the young father deliberately shot his two children, Leonard Lee, 19-months-old, and Doris Lee, eight months old, and then committed suicide. Saunders' 19-year-old wife, Mamie, was away from home at the time, having gone to a nearby store for groceries. Returning, she found the three victims dead. The heart, were lying on a pallet and her husband lay nearby with a 12-guage shotgun close at hand. Mrs. Saunders immediately notified Sheriff Rose and Deputies Dock Strickland and Merton Whitly, who were of the opinion that Sanders was responsible for the killings.

The wife was unable to give an explanation for the shooting other than that her husband was worried about a job. Saunders had been working on the Higgins farms only a short time and was said to have been dissatisfied. She stated, however, that she had never heard him express any intention of killing himself.

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Man, 45, Hangs Self in Hall

Police Find Note But Refuse to Make Contents Public

Robert Bullock 45, committed suicide early Monday by hanging himself from a hallway bannister at 2272 Seventh Ave. His body was discovered by Aaron Anthony, a tenant on his way out to work.

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Investigation revealed that until a few weeks ago the victim lived at 203 West 139th St. Tenants at that address told reporters Bullock moved two weeks ago without leaving his new address.

Detectives Hanley and Neylon investigated the case, but did not reveal the contents of a note found in Bullock's pockets.

Jobless Man Kills Self, Two Children

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(Special to Star-News)

SMITHFIELD, N. C.—Emanuel Saunders, a despondent sharecropper, recently told his wife, Mamie, "I don't mind working, and I'm willing to go anywhere for a job, so I can feed these kids, but I will kill myself if I don't get a job before Spring."

Last Wednesday, while Mrs. Saunders was away shopping for the family's groceries, the worried father made good his threat by killing himself and the couple's two children.

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When the mother arrived home, she found Leonard, 19 months, and Doris Lee, only 8 months old, stretched out on the floor, dying. Nearby, in another room, was Emanuel—who apparently died instantly after shooting himself with the same shotgun used to kill the children.

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Authorities were unable to explain the triple tragedy until Mrs. Saunders told them of the many threats made by her husband in the past. The coroner's verdict stated that young Saunders, only 25, killed the children first and then killed himself.

MRS. OLGA MOSS ATTEMPTS SUICIDE IN TEDDY WILSON'S APARTMENT

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HAD HE BEEN LATER IN COMING TO BED, HE'D HAVE FOUND THE CHARMING YOUNG WOMAN DEAD.

New York—Attractive Olga Moss, estranged wife of the Harlem entertainer—Earl Moss, attempted to end her own life early last Friday while alone in Teddy Wilson's apartment at 27 Hamilton Terrace.

The popular cafe (downtown) society pianist came home just iin time, police said, to prevent Mrs. Moss from carrying out her tragic desire. After emergency treatment at Knickerbocker Hospital, she was transferred to Bellevue and confined to the "psycho ward as a mental case".

Police listed the 30-year-old victim as "Mrs. Olga Wilson," But mutual friends claimed otherwise. The orchestra leader, they revealed, is still married to Mrs. Irene Wilson, who now lives in Cleveland.

"Olga", it was added, "is only his sweetheart". Teddy declined to discuss that phase of the relationship.

When police arrived at the Wilson apartment, Mrs. Moss was asleep in bed. Two gas jets were turned on, as the famed musician entered, and he quickly opened all windows and summoned the cops.

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No note was found, but detectives learned that she had complained of being despondent, during the past several weeks. Nearly two years ago, police pointed out, Mrs. Moss tried to end her life in the same manner.

At that time, however, the case was hushed up. Whether or not Mrs. Moss is to be held in bail, and arraigned in court for trying to kill herself, could not be learned from police at the 152nd street station. "Right now", one official said, "she's badly in need of medical treatment". —Amsterdam N. Y. Star News.

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New York, N. Y.

MRS. NETTIE WASHINGTON DOUGLASS—Husband kills self.

Grandson Of Abolitionist Ends His Life

APR 18 1942

Widow, Popular in N. Y. Social Set, Douglass Was Tuskegee Doctor

TUSKEGEE, April 17. — Dr. Frederick Douglass, III, great-grandson of the famous statesman and orator who helped make American history following the Civil War, committed suicide here on Thursday night by taking an overdose of sleeping tablets.

The socially prominent young doctor, a graduate of the Howard University Medical School in Washington, D. C., his home, is said by his friends to have taken to excessive drinking of late, due possibly to a depressive state of mind, perhaps to ill health or domestic differences.

His marriage on November 11, 1941 to the former Nettie Washington, popular New York society girl, and grand-daughter of Booker T. Washington, was one of the ultra fashionable events in the country's society circles. The event which took place in the former mansion of the famed educator, was considered so important, that the New York Times carried a detail account and picture on its society page.

Dr. Douglass, a staff member of the U. S. Veterans Hospital, near Tuskegee's campus, lived with his wife at the home of Mrs. L. G. Gamlin in nearby Greenwood where his body was discovered. His wife was away at the time. Beside his body was found a bottle which had held 500 sleeping tablets, 100 of which were missing. A note in his handwriting stated he had taken an overdose of the tablets.

Mrs. Washington, prostrate with grief, could offer no explanation for his act. Added tragedy is the fact that she is an expectant mother. Her mother, Mrs. Nettie Washington, left New York immediately to join her daughter. The body will be taken to Washington, D. C., for burial.

Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

FREDERICK DOUGLASS' GREAT GRANDSON COMMITS SUICIDE

TUSKEGEE, April 10—(ANP)—Dr. Frederick Douglass, great grandson of the famous orator, statesman and editor of slavery and reconstruction days, committed suicide here Thursday night by taking an overdose of sleeping tablets.

Dr. Douglass a native of Washington, D. C., and a graduate of Howard university medical school, was said by friends to have been in a depressed state of mind due to excessive drinking and perhaps to domestic differences.

He was married to Miss Nancy Washington, grand daughter of Booker T. Washington, and the wedding which took place Nov. 11, 1941, in the former home of the renowned educator, was one of the outstanding social events of this country.

On Hospital Staff

Dr. Douglass was on the staff of the U. S. Veterans facility, which is located adjacent to Tuskegee institute.

He maintained quarters at the home of Mrs. L. G. Gamlin in nearby Greenwood where he and his wife lived and where his body was discovered. His wife had gone when his body was found and by his side was a bottle which had held 500 sleeping tablets, 100 of which were missing. A note by Dr. Douglass stated he had taken an overdose of sleeping tablets.

Physicians estimated that he had been dead for 12 hours. Mrs. Douglass, pretty, talented granddaughter of Booker T. Washington, II, was distraught and could offer no explanation for her husband's rash act.

Birmingham Post
Birmingham, Alabama

SUICIDES SET LOW MARK FOR 13 YEARS

AUG 18 1942

By United Press

MONTGOMERY, Aug. 18. — The Alabama Bureau of Vital Statistics reported today that fewer Alabamians took their own lives last year than in 13 years.

The bureau said 175 persons committed suicide in 1941, compared with 274 for the previous year.

Negroes maintained their record for clinging to life. Of last year's suicides, 16 were among Negroes, 159 among whites.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Suicide Ends Brilliant Marriage

A marriage on November 11, 1941 which united a scion of Frederick Douglass, famed abolitionist and editor of pre-Civil war ways, and a descendant of Dr. Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute, last week was broken up by death. A verdict of suicide was returned in the death of Dr. Frederick Douglass, great grandson of the famous orator, and statesman after he was found dead at his residence near the United States Veterans Facility at Tuskegee, Ala., where he was a member of the staff. A note left by the deceased stated that he had taken an overdose of sleeping tablets. Dr. Douglass is shown above with his wife, the former Miss Nettie Washington, granddaughter of the late Dr. Booker T. Washington, soon after the couple's marriage.

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Atlanta, Ga.

Douglass' Grandson Takes His Own Life

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He was 24-year-old Chester Gillin, of 1 W. 126th St. Police learned that the despondent student sat down and wrote several letters to his wife before taking an overdose of sleeping tablets.

He was still seated in a chair when Mrs. G. Wilkinson, a neighbor, discovered that he was dead.

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What was said in the notes left by Gillin wasn't revealed by Detective Foley, of the W. 123d St. station, who is investigating the case. It was said the letters were turned over to the Medical Examiner's office.

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New York, N. Y.

Student Ends Life When Wife Leaves

A young Philadelphia student, who came here in an attempt to effect a reconciliation with his estranged wife, committed suicide early Tuesday afternoon after learning that it was no use and that he couldn't win his pretty mate back.

Black Dispatch
Oklahoma City, Okla

Linotype Operator Commits Suicide

JUN 5 1942

Hangs Himself in Newspaper Plant

DETROIT. — (ANP) — Employes working on the day shift at the Detroit Tribune got one of the biggest shocks of their lives, last Friday morning when they discovered the body of Levi A. Wingfield, 45, hanging by a small rope in the rear of the printing plant.

Mr. Wingfield left a note stating "due to failing eyesight, this is the best way out." It is a puzzle why he chose that way to commit suicide, since he had only one leg and had to use a crutch most of his life.

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At one time Mr. Wingfield was classified as the fastest linotype operator in the city. He had been employed by the Tribune since 1933 and worked on the night shift.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a brother.

Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

Ends Own Life

CHATTANOOGA. — (ANP) — Inez Edwards, daughter of the late J. H. Edwards of this city, was found dead in her home last week, a suicide victim. Miss Edwards, who shot herself, is thought to have ended her life in a fit of despondency and grief over the death of her father whose death occurred just five months ago. Three sisters and one brother survive her.

Peoples Voice
New York, N. Y.

Man Regrets Beating Wife; Takes Own Life

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CLEVELAND—Filled with emorse, and fearing the consequence of the near fatal beating he administered to his estranged wife, Azarene, Sam Hutcherson, 9928 Hulda ave threw himself in Lake Erie last week. His water-logged body was washed ashore, putting an end to a state-wide search by police. Examination of his body failed to disclose any marks of violence and police believe that he threw himself into the lake in an effort to escape the consequence of his act.

Hutcherson's estranged wife is at present a patient at St. Luke's Hospital where authorities say that her condition is satisfactory. She has been confined at the hospital since last Monday, when she was found on the outskirts of Chagrin Falls suffering from a fractured skull, broken arm and numerous bruises. She is alleged to have crawled on hands and knees for almost a quarter mile for aid. First aid treatment was given by the Chagrin Falls police and she was rushed to the hospital.

According to Mrs. Hutcherson, this is the second attempt on her life by her late husband. The first attempt was made three weeks ago when he lured her into a taxi and drove to a dark spot in Gordon Park where he attempted to throw her into Lake Erie. She escaped after a struggle and reported the incident to police but refused to prosecute.

The latest attempt was made last Monday when she was accosted by her husband who forced her into a car and drove her to Chagrin Falls where she was dragged from the car and brutally beaten about the head and body until she fell unconscious. According to her story, Hutcherson took $3 from her purse and fled the scene.

Argus
St. Louis, Missouri

Bridegroom Late For Wedding; She Trys To End All

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Sammie Harvey, 34, beautician residing at 4304a Page bl., was conveyed to Phillips Hospital early Wednesday by Thomas Allen. She was pronounced suffering from supposed lysol poisoning. After treatment she returned home.

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Allen told officers that he and Miss Harvey were supposed to be married Wednesday at 7 p. m. When he failed to show up until 2 a. m. she got out of bed and went to the bathroom and when she came out, said: "This is what I took and it is burning me."

Amsterdam Star-News
New York, N. Y.

Leaps Four Floors Into W. 137th St.

Bernice Ford Had Row With Mother

Because she didn't like something somebody had said, a 13-year-old Harlem schoolgirl leaped from the fourth-floor window of her home Tuesday afternoon, after defying her mother "to try and stop me."

She was Bernice Ford, 111 W. 137th St., a student of P. S. 99. She died with a faint smile on her lips, Harlem Hospital attendants said, still defiant but seemingly satisfied that her "way out" was the right way.

Caused Dislocated Spine

Doctors attributed death to a dislocated spine and internal injuries.

The girl's mother, Mrs. Lettie Ford, was so despondent that police found it difficult to get a clear story of what had happened before the suicide took place.

"I don't know why," she cried. "She just walked in here and went over to the window and jumped out."

Detective Galvin, of the W. 135th St. Station, was assigned to make a full investigation, however, presumably to find out if any of the facts are being withheld.

Report of Family Quarrel

So far, he has learned that the tragedy was apparently the result of a quarrel between Mrs. Ford and her daughter. He was also told that Mrs. Ford is separated from her husband.

The latter fact, it was said, has recently caused many disagreements between the mother and her late daughter. Neighbors living in the building confirmed some of these reports, but a few of them hinted that Bernice was worried and disappointed over "a love affair."

At noon Wednesday, the body was claimed by the victim's father, Cyril, who turned all arrangements over to the Griffin Funeral Home, 2284 Seventh Ave. Services were scheduled for Friday night.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Attempted Suicide Victim In Hospital With Bullet Wound

Miss Lurana Drake, 22, of 292 Sciple Terrace, N. W., was recuperating from a gunshot wound of the chin Saturday, following an attempted suicide, according to city police reports.

The young woman was said to have shot herself through the chin late Friday. Questioned at Grady Hospital, from which she was dismissed following treatment, Miss Drake told officers that she was worried and tried to end her life, they reported. The mother of the victim was quoted as stating that Miss Drake had not been acting right for the past several days.

New York Age
New York, N. Y

3 SUICIDES SET RECORD

Mother And Daughter Are Gas Victims; Youth Is Killed By Shotgun

Four persons were listed as dead and three injured in a series of suicides, stabbings and shootings took their toll of lives in Harlem over the weekend.

First victims were Eleanor Moody, 25, and her 4-year-old daughter, Laurel, of 203 West 145th street, whose bodies were found at 10:10 a. m., Friday, by John Woods, of 112 West 132nd street, superintendent of the house, who entered the apartment with a pass-key to investigate complaints of neighbors that they smelled gas coming from the apartment.

Lying on the couch in the living room were Mrs. Moody and her daughter. Gas flowed from five open jets on the gas stove in the kitchen. Harlem Hospital attendant Collins and Emergency Squad 6 responded, but all efforts to revive the mother and daughter were in vain. The only reason relatives of the deceased could give for the suicide was despondency of Mrs. Moody caused by alleged marital difficulties with her husband, Frank.

The next victim, Carl Lansey, 26, of 290 West 149th street, met death as result of a double stabbing Saturday morning at one o'clock, at 235 West 148th street. Police said that Lansey and a woman identified as Pearl Cleckley, 31, of 235 West 148th street, engaged in a controversy which ended with both being stabbed. Lansey died four hours later in Harlem Hospital of a penetrating stab wound of the chest, while the woman is in a critical condition from a similar wound.

The fourth victim, Henry Miro, 16, of 1005 St. Nicholas avenue, was found dead in his bedroom at 4:15 a. m. Saturday, as result of a .22 calibre gunshot wound of the right temple. His mother, Mrs. Percie Miro, discovered his body on the floor and the rifle in the closet with the door open. Two versions were given for the death: one, that young Miro committed suicide because his mother upbraided him for returning home late; and the other that the rifle fell off a closet shelf and accidentally discharged, killing the youth.

Injured

Hubert Orridge, 54, of 240 Jefferson avenue, Brooklyn, received a possible fractured skull and multiple lacerations on Thursday afternoon at his grocery store, 631 Lenox avenue, during an altercation with two unknown youths.

During an altercation with a man identified as Norman Gorrell, of 201 West 136th street, at 1:40 a. m., Tuesday, Miss Ida Walker, of 229 West 136th street, was shot in the abdomen in front of her home.

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y

New Rochelle Boy Slays Himself

"Trouble With a Girl" Given As the Reason

By JOHN ROBINSON

NEW ROCHELLE. — An 18-year-old local youth, worrying over some "trouble with a girl," quit his job suddenly last Tuesday and went home "to think it over." At 6:30 P. M., his uncle came home and found him dead—apparently a suicide by gas. He was Warren Schenk, of 60 Walnut St.

The victim's uncle, Reese Horton, discovered the body in the kitchen, all the gas jets turned on and a partly filled bottle of wine lying near by.

Young Schenk had been working recently as helper in a shoe-repair shop, the Star-News learned, but three weeks ago he became despondent and told his mother, Mrs. George Sampson, that "I've got to quit my job because I'm in trouble with a girl."

At the same time, he also expressed a desire to return to Freeport, L. I., to live with other relatives.

He left his place of employment about 1 P. M., got home two hours later. Shortly afterward, Miss Florence Lee, a neighbor, reported that she smelled gas in the apartment where Schenk lived.

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y

Mother Kills Baby and Self

Husband Refused to Return to Family

Despondent over her husband's refusal to return home following an attempt at reconciliation, Eleanor Moody, 25, killed her 4-year-old daughter, Laura, and herself last Friday by locking all doors and windows and turning on the gas.

It happened at 203 W. 145th Street, where Mrs. Moody lived with her only child.

Police investigating the tragedy listed it as homicide and suicide, on the theory that the Harlem housewife planned the child's death before deciding to end her own life.

When Detective Neylon, of the W. 135th Street Station, entered the apartment after being summoned by neighbors, both mother and daughter were found lying across the kitchen floor, four gas jets going full blast.

Mrs. Moody left no note. Neighbors told police that recently she had been quite worried in the belief that her husband, Frank, did not intend "to come back to her."

However, the husband was among those attending the funeral which was held Monday at Levy and Delany's Funeral Home, on Seventh Ave.

Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Miss Arline Spencer, 25, 4927 Forrestville avenue, took a dose of lysol Sunday, July 26, in a suicide attempt after quarreling with her common-law husband, McKinley Willis.

Miss Spencer was said to have been despondent over an unsatisfactory domestic life and drank the poison to escape continuous living under unbearable conditions.

The suicide attempt victim was revived at Provident hospital, where she was taken by police.

Farm Worker Slays Wife, Then Kills Self

LOUISBURG, N. C.—(ANP)—When his estranged wife would not reutrn to him, Stamper Williams, 26, a farm worker, shot and killed her Monday night and then turned the gun on himself, according to Sheriff John P. Moore of Franklin county.

Williamss had been separated from his wife, Clarie, 22, about three weeks. He went to the home where they formerly lived and at which she still resided and struck a shotgun through the open door into his wife's face then fired. She died instantly. The slaying was witnessed by his wife's mother, Mrs. Frances Terrell.

He left the house and went about 200 yards into some woods, where he killed himself. The top of his head was blown off.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Boy Danced Jig Then Hanged Self in Cell as End to Hectic Day

WASHINGTON.

"I just can't understand it at all," sobbed Mrs. Selma Mitchell, 908 Forty-fourth Street, Northeast, as friends and neighbors tried to comfort her while helping to prepare for the funeral of her son who had allegedly committed suicide Saturday night.

The boy, 19-year-old Oscar Mitchell, a jovial, energetic chap, well liked by all the youngsters in the neighborhood, was found hanged with his own shirt in the cell block at the Eleventh Precinct station shortly after midnight, following his arrest with two companions on a charge of disorderly conduct.

It was a brand new broad-cloth shirt, the mother commented, which accounts for how it was able to support his 160-pound athletic body.

Danced after Arrest

He had just gone swimming Saturday afternoon and he even danced a jig when they put him in the patrol wagon the mother was informed.

The boy, a former pupil at Browne Junior High School, Phelps Vocational and Cardozo, had been employed on the Southern Railroad for several months. Saturday night he was out with the boys whooping it up a little when the three were placed under arrest on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Had Been Drinking

They were said to have had a few drinks too many and to have been in the process of helping each other home unevenly when they were locked up for companions ot pass him a cigar- safe keeping. The other boys were identified as Raymond Green and Nick Johnson.

"Don't let your liquor put no crazy notions in your head." Thinking nothing of it, the other went to sleep.

Several hours later they were awakened and led to the cell. Oscar Mitchell was dead.

The three youths were placed in separate cells. Oscar is said to have crawled up on the side of his cell and asked one of his

Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

Arrest Pastor For Slaying

Killed Teacher, Tried Suicide

WASHINGTON, N. C. — Residents of this little community were shocked Thursday when the Rev. Nelson Crisp, pastor of the Beebe Memorial Methodist church, was arrested for killing Mrs. Anna Beebe, 45, a school teacher, and trying to commit suicide.

Mrs. Bee was the widow of Dr. Beebe, noted Methodist leader after whom the church was named. The minister is under police guard at a local hospital where he is expected to recover from slashes in his throat which officers said were self inflicted after the murder of the teacher.

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Black Dispatch
Oklahoma City, Okla.

MARTIAL TIFF ENDS IN DEATH

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San Antonio Couple Are Victims

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—A man ran amuck here last Friday, slugged his wife to death, threatened her sister, fired at an ambulance which came to the scene of the killing, then blew his brains out with a shot gun.

Victims of the tragedy were Mrs. Margaret Russell, 33, and Mack V. Russell, 48. The murder and suicide developed after Mrs. Russell who was estranged from her husband declined to return to him.

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Her sister, Mrs. Annie Griffin, who lived with the couple, said the husband returned home, stating he wanted his personal belongings, since his wife had refused to make up with him.

She said she heard an argument then a pistol shot, and on reaching the front room found her sister hand been slugged on the head with a gun and was dying. Russell threatened her, she said, and she fled from the house.

He then left, and on hearing an ambulance, returned and fired at the driver, chasing the ambulance away. He then went into the house, cut Mrs. Russell's throat from ear to ear and later blew his brains out with a shot gun.

Negro Soldier Shoots Himself In Cab to Escape the Desert

New York World Telegram Dec. 4, 1942

Pvt. Edward H. David, 31, a Negro, on furlough from Rice, Cal., hailed a taxi driven by Saul Schiller at 163rd St. and Cauldwell Ave., the Bronx, last night and told Schiller to drive him through Harlem to Grand Central Terminal.

N.Y. World Telegram

"This will be the last time I'll see Harlem," he said.

It was. He shot himself in the abdomen as the cab entered the terminal. Schiller took him to the Hospital for Special Surgery, 321 E. 42nd St., where he underwent an emergency operation, and was placed under arrest for violating the Sullivan law. He died this morning.

In the soldier's barrack bag police found a furlough pass expiring Dec. 5, and papers indicating his address was 2100 Fifth Ave. There was also a note addressed "to whom it may concern."

"I dread making the trip back to the desert," it said. "The pistol is mine. My father died two years ago in July and left the pistol for me."

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

ENDS LIFE BY TAKING GAS

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NEWARK, N. J.--

The second death by suicide here in ten days occurred last Wednesday when Miss Juanita Wilson, 17 , of 267 Lake Street took her life by gas asphyxiation. Reported to have become depressed because she could not quit school to take a defense job, as many of her associates had done, Miss Wilson sat in a wicker chair in the kitchen of her home and inhaled gas fumes from five open jets.

Mother Finds Body

Her body was dis covered around 4: 30 P. M. by her mother, Mrs, Elva Brewer Wilson, when she returned from work.

On December 5, Mrs. Alice S. Cook, a city nurse took her life in the same manner in her apartment at 100 Barclay Street.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Navy Shore Officer Believed A Suicide

Journal and Guide

NORFOLK — The three-man Naval board sitting in the city police court room Monday afternoon probing into the circumstances of the apparent suicide of Jesse Jones, 31, of 316 Kent street, a member of the Norfolk's permanent Naval Shore Patrol, after hearing several witnesses, gave no intimation as to their conviction as to what might have motivated this man to take his own life.

Nov. 26 1942

BODY FOUND

Jones, a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School here, and alumnus of the college department of Hampton Institute, was found dead in his room on the second floor of the building, long known locally as the Hampden house, with a bullet wound in the heart around 5 p.m., Friday. No note was found, police say.

His body lay in a pool of blood and by his side lay a revolver.

According to a Navy man who later viewed the body, the chest garment had been severely sco ed from a pistol fired at se range.

Jones had been in the Navy for a brief period, being formerly employed as a civilian in the local Navy Yard.

Mrs. Katie T. Hampden, the housekeeper, testifying before the board, explained that she was the first to view the scene, having gone to Jones' room to call him for dinner.

The body was clothed only in house garments, she stated. Excitedly, she hastened down stairs and exclaimed to her sister, "run upstairs, I believe Jesse has suffered a hemorrhage."

SISTER INVESTIGATED

The sister investigated and discovered that the man was dead. Police were summoned, who in turn notified the Navy. Naval officers were quickly on the scene, and ordered the body removed to the Naval Hospital morgue on Hampton boulevard.

Jones had not left the house since returning from duty past midnight on the previous night, witnesses stated.

It was brought out through a naval officer that the gun said to have been found at the dead man's side was not a service weapon, and that shore patrolmen do not carry side arms.

Through questioning the board sought to determine a motive for Jones' apparent rash act.

Mrs. Hampden explained that he had claimed to have been divorced from a girl whom he married several years ago, and who had been a high school companion.

By that wedding there is a boy child, now 6 or 7 years old, but in custody of its mother. The witness was positive that the man had not lived with his wife but a short while after marriage, but added that he ha dsince been the daily recipient of numerous telephone calls over the house line with feminine voices on the opposite end.

CALLED SAME DAY

Between 11 and 12 o'clock on the day his body was found, the housekeeper said, Jones had received a call from a woman, and it had been herself who notified him to answer the telephone.

He had been living at the house for approximately 11 years, she asserted.

Mrs. Hampden, three other women and one male inmate of the home agreed in their testimony that the man had always lived in seclusion and apart from other members of the household, and that none of them had had the opportunity to form a confidential relationship with him.

All testimony, Naval and civilian, supported th view that Jones had been of a steady and dependable character. A personnel officer, replying to a question, said of him "as fine a man as I ever met." It was generally agreed that he was moody, and especially so of late.

MOTHER CALLED

His mother, Mrs. Mary Jones, who resides in a northern city, said that she had not seen her son since leaving Norfolk in 1937, and that because of his peculiarities, she had never enjoyed his full confidence.

He had worn the uniform just two days prior to his death.